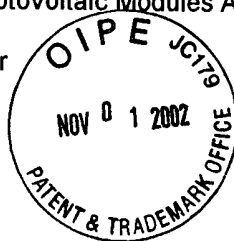


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT "A"

In response to the Official Action issued 16 May 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8 -- please replace the paragraph commencing in line 5 with the following
new paragraph:

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The present invention overcomes the problem of flux-induced ionomer
degradation by using a zinc-based ionomer as the encapsulant. It has been
determined that zinc-based ionomers exist that are transparent, stable and
capable of bonding adjacent components of a solar cell module. Such zinc-based
ionomers are exemplified by two DuPont products identified as SURLYN 1705-1
and SURLYN 1706. These polymers have excellent optical properties and high
hot tack strength. The exact chemical composition of these materials is not
known, but they are believed to be produced by adding a salt containing zinc
cations to a copolymer of ethylene-methacrylic acid, or to a copolymer of ethylene-
acrylic acid, and subjecting that composition to acid neutralization, resulting in the
formation of ion clusters within the resulting polymer matrix. The SURLYN 1705-1

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